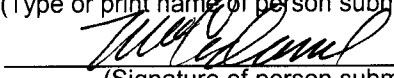


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Sir:

This Reply is submitted as a complete reply to the Office action dated 04 December 2006, for which a three month time for response was provided. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed with a one-month extension of time, petition and fee for which are submitted herewith. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and the following Remarks.